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**PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HAGIO *ET AL.*

APPLICATION No.: 10/521,622

FILED: 14 January 2005

FOR: **ELECTROPORATION METHOD  
INCLUDING THE USE OF  
DEPRESSURIZATION/PRESSURIZATION**

EXAMINER: FERNANDEZ, Susan E.

ART UNIT: 1651

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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Applicants have considered the Non-Final Office Action mailed 12 November 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.